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For: APPARATUS FOR ACTUATING A CONTROL ELEMENT FOR A HEATING
OR AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants' in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.



CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A3-A6 came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding German application. A copy of the German Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Document A4 was also cited in the present specification and the relevance is described therein.

Document A3 relates to a multiple data communication system for a motor vehicle window, sliding roof and door actuators, which includes miniaturized electrical units. Each electrical unit contains a multifunctional CPU and is connected via a common bus. Document A1 corresponds to Document A4.

Document A5 relates to an air-conditioning device for a motor vehicle passenger space which provides a separate temperature regulation for the driver side and passenger side of passenger space.

Document A6 relates to a positioning element controller for a vehicle air conditioner which detects changes in positioning element operation conditions, sets initial resetting control and provides return control setting. Document A2 corresponds to Document A6.

English translations of these documents are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application.

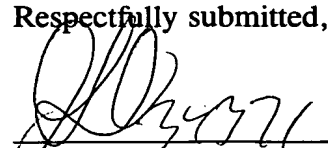
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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